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THE BLACKLANDS, DEEP
WITHIN THE LABYRINTH.

LADY
DEATH! SHE'S
IN THERE!

YOUR MOTHER'S
SOUL IS TRAPPED
IN THE CITY!

I KNEW IT,
WARGOTH! I
KNEW IT IN
MY BONES.

I'M GOING TO
SAVE HER AND
TO HELL WITH
ANYONE WHO
TRIES TO STOP
ME!





THIS CITY LOOKS ABANDONED, BUT I'M SENSING DANGEROUS ENERGIES.

COME ON, YOU UNHOLY WRETCHES!

OF COURSE YOU ARE, SATASHA.

KARRION IS ONE OF THE MOST UNPREDICTABLE CITIES IN THE BLACKLANDS.

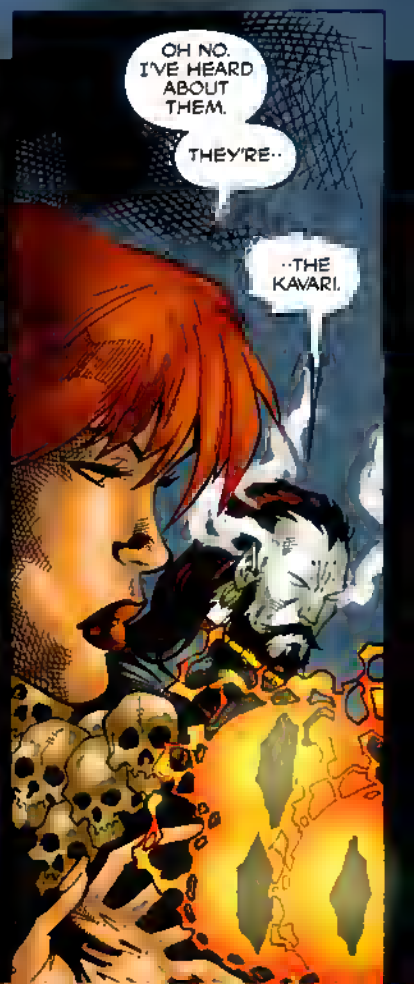
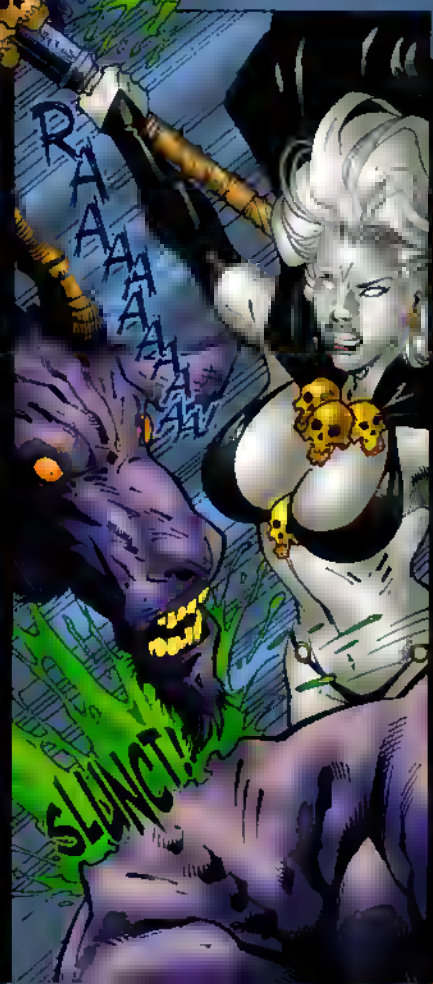
THEN WHY SEND LADY DEATH IN THERE ALONE?



I HAVE MY REASONS.



I'VE BEEN ON MY MOTHER'S TRAIL FOR MONTHS, YOU WILL NOT STOP ME!



OH NO. I'VE HEARD ABOUT THEM.

THEY'RE...

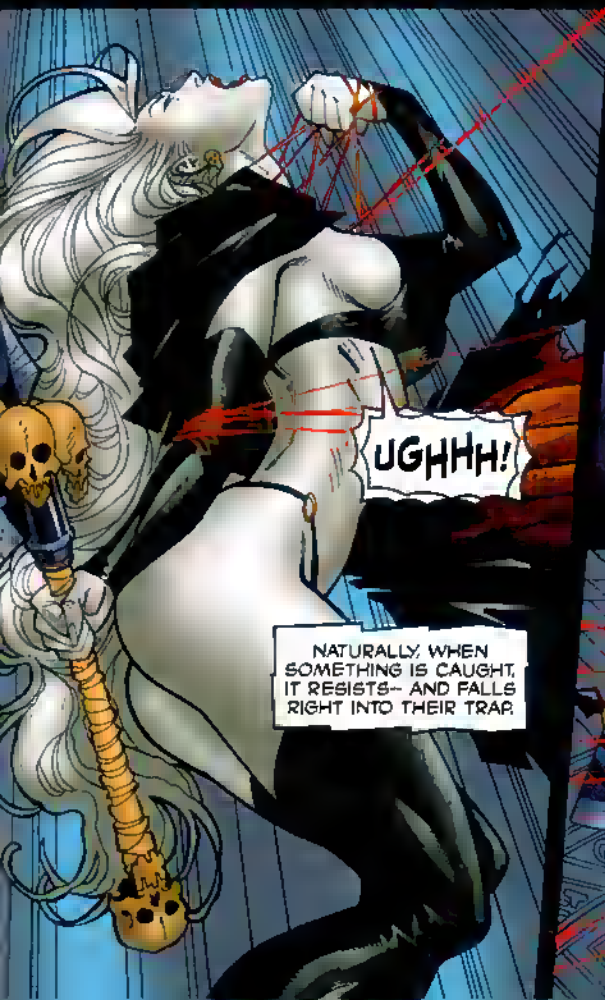
...THE KAVARI.



THEY WORK
IN PACKS.



THEY ENTRAP THEIR
PREY AND USE THEIR
ENERGY AGAINST THEM.



UGHHH!

NATURALLY, WHEN
SOMETHING IS CAUGHT,
IT RESISTS-- AND FALLS
RIGHT INTO THEIR TRAP.

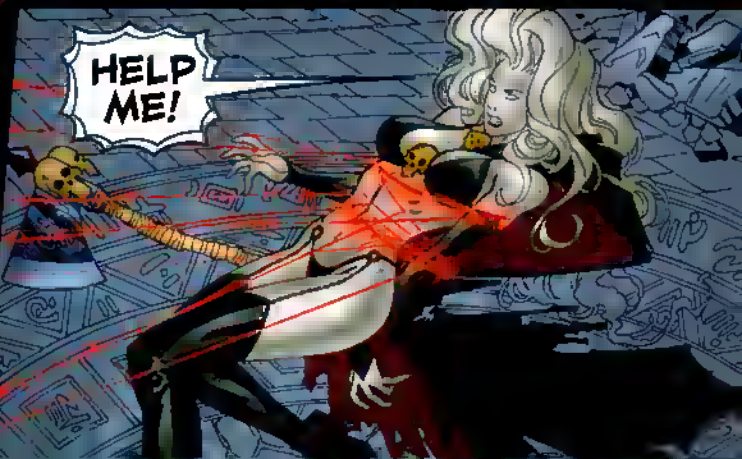


CAN
YOU BLOCK
THEIR
SPELL?

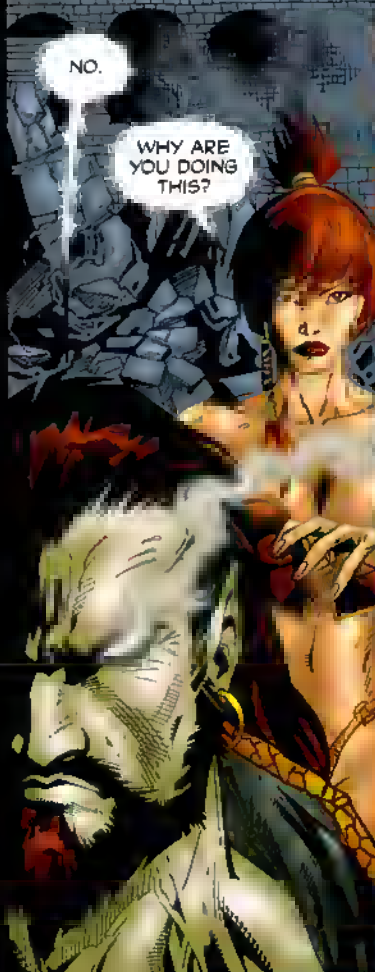
NO, I
TRIED. IT'S TOO
COMPLICATED!

SHE'LL
EXPIRE
BY THEN!

THEN
LADY DEATH IS
DONE FOR.



HELP
ME!



NO.

WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?



I CAN'T LET THIS GO ON!

AAAAAAAAAAAA!



I SAID STOP, SATASHA.

WHAT ARE YOU-?!

DAMN YOU, WARGOTH!

HOW COULD YOU?!



LADY DEATH! HOPE!

SOLVE THE PROBLEM.



..I..



I DON'T APPRECIATE BEING SOUL-GRABBED, WARGOTH.

THEN DON'T QUESTION MY COMMAND.

EERR-AAAAA!

THIS IS A TRAINING MISSION

ERRRK-AAAAAAAAAAAAA!

TRAINING MISSION?

DIE!!!

RAAAAAAAAAAAAAA!

YOU HEARD ME.

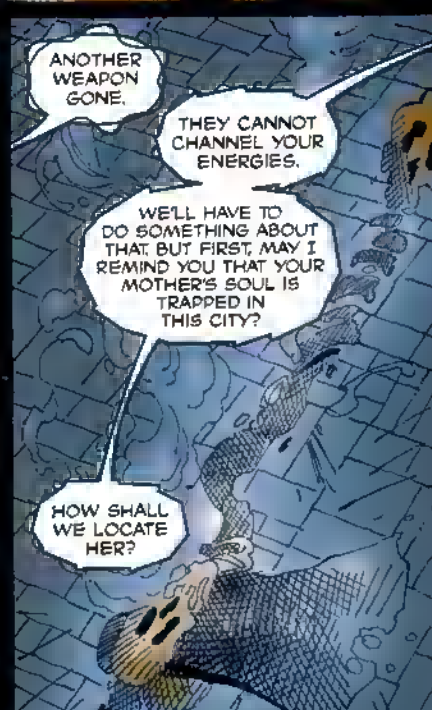
SHE'S AMAZING!

SHE'S LUCKY!

YOU HAVE GREAT NATURAL ABILITY, LADY DEATH, BUT LITTLE SKILL. THAT'S WHERE YOU COME IN, SATASHA. YOU'LL TEACH HOPE SPELL-CRAFT.

IF YOU DON'T PERFECT YOUR CRAFT, YOU WON'T LAST ANOTHER MONTH. MUCH LESS STAND A CHANCE AGAINST SAGOS.







WHERE IS SAGOS?

WHERE HAS HE TAKEN MY MOTHER?

LADY DEATH, HOPE. LET IT GO.

IT'S DEAD. IT CAN'T TELL YOU A THING.

NO, SATASHA YOU'RE WRONG.



WARGOTH TAUGHT ME THIS TRICK IN THE FORESTS OF MURKWOOD.

NOW CREATURE, WHERE IS MY MOTHER?



IN THE TEMPLE, IN THE CENTER PLAZA SHE'LL BE.



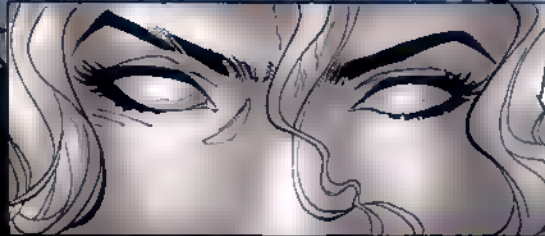
SEE YOU IN HELL.

IT'S A TRAP, YOU KNOW.

WE ARE NOT READY TO FIGHT SAGOS, HOPE.

I HAVE TO SAVE MY MOTHER. DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?

HAVEN'T YOU LEARNED ANYTHING IN THE LAST TWO YEARS?



YOU CANNOT STORM IN AND RESCUE YOUR MOTHER. IT'S NEVER THAT EASY. THE BLACKLANDS ARE ABOUT LIES AND DECEPTION. SAGOS IS A MASTER OF THE ART.

HE FOOLED YOU BACK IN YOUR HOMELAND, DID HE NOT?

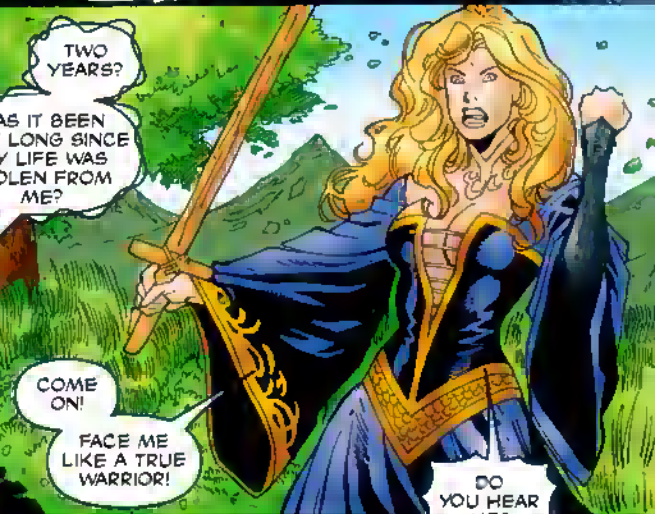


TWO YEARS?

HAS IT BEEN THAT LONG SINCE MY LIFE WAS STOLEN FROM ME?

COME ON!

FACE ME LIKE A TRUE WARRIOR!



DO YOU HEAR ME?





WELCOME
BACK,
MARIUS.

FATHER
HERMAN.

HOW
GOES YOUR
CRUSADES?



WE
SOUGHT TO BRING
CHRISTIANITY TO THE
PAGAN VILLAGES. THE
BATTLE WAS HARD, AND
MANY LIVES WERE
LOST, YET WE WERE
SUCCESSFUL.

THE WORD OF
GOD IS ALIVE AND
WELL IN THE
NORTHLANDS.



ARE YOU
SAYING ALL OUR
MEN FOLK WERE
KILLED? WHERE
ARE THEIR
BODIES?

WHY DO YOU
AND YOUR MEN
ALWAYS MAKE
IT BACK?



MY HAROLD.
NOOOOOOOOOOO!



BROTHERS
AND SISTERS,
PLEASE!

IS THIS ANY
WAY TO TREAT A MAN
WHO HAS DEDICATED
HIMSELF TO
GOD'S WORK?

THIS IS A
TIME FOR
SORROW, NOT
BLAME.

INDEED BROTHER
AND SISTERS, I COME
BEFORE YOU, YOUR
MOST HUMBLE
SERVANT.

PLEASE
UNDERSTAND THAT YOUR
FATHERS AND BROTHERS
STOOD FOR WHAT'S RIGHT IN
A WORLD OF BARBARIANS.
THEY WERE NOBLE
AND COURAGEOUS,
BUT THE PAGANS
WERE MANY.

IF THE PAGANS
WERE NOT STOPPED,
WHO KNOWS WHAT
THREAT THEY POSE TO
US? THEY SEEK
NOTHING LESS THAN
OUR DEATHS.

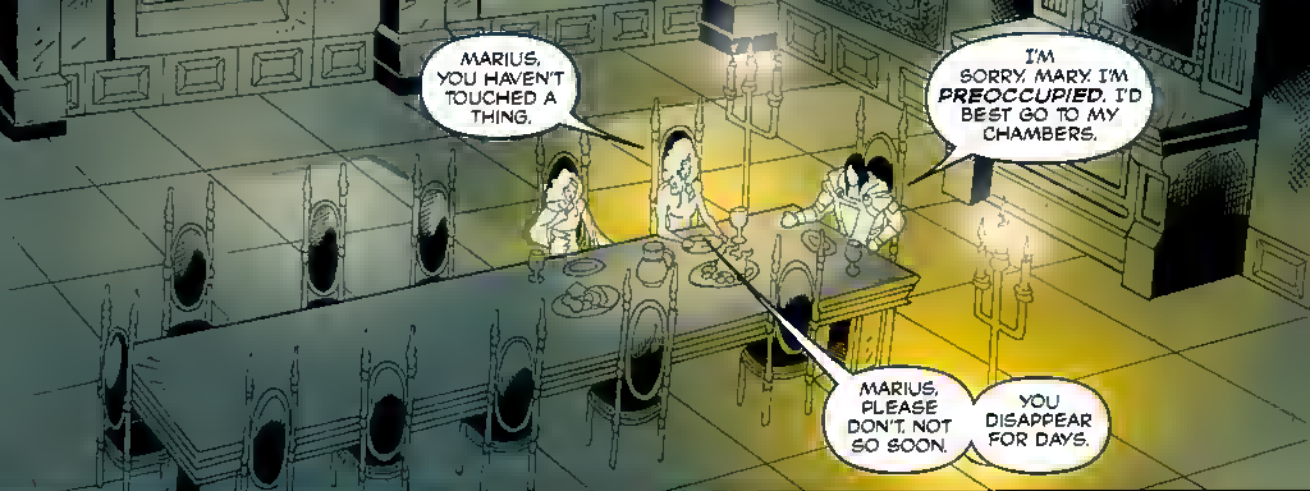
OUR LOVED
ONES DIED
FOR A JUST
CAUSE.

AS
FOR THEIR
REMAINS, THE
PAGANS WERE
CRUEL.

FORGIVE
ME.

I MUST
REST.



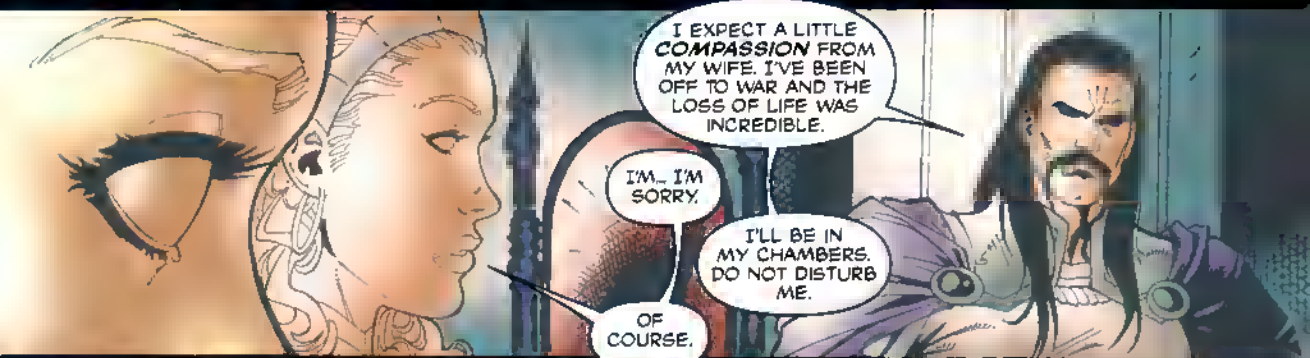


MARIUS,
YOU HAVEN'T
TOUCHED A
THING.

I'M
SORRY, MARY. I'M
PREOCCUPIED. I'D
BEST GO TO MY
CHAMBERS.

MARIUS,
PLEASE
DON'T. NOT
SO SOON.

YOU
DISAPPEAR
FOR DAYS.

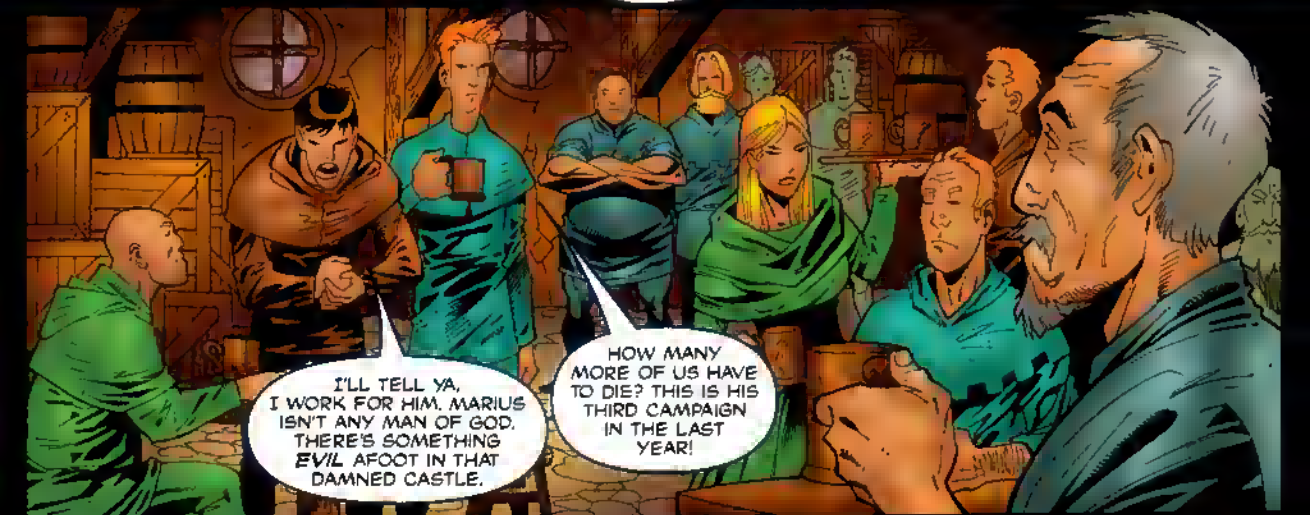


I EXPECT A LITTLE
COMPASSION FROM
MY WIFE. I'VE BEEN
OFF TO WAR AND THE
LOSS OF LIFE WAS
INCREDIBLE.

I'M... I'M
SORRY.

I'LL BE IN
MY CHAMBERS.
DO NOT DISTURB
ME.

OF
COURSE.



I'LL TELL YA,
I WORK FOR HIM. MARIUS
ISN'T ANY MAN OF GOD.
THERE'S SOMETHING
EVIL AFOOT IN THAT
DAMNNED CASTLE.

HOW MANY
MORE OF US HAVE
TO DIE? THIS IS HIS
THIRD CAMPAIGN
IN THE LAST
YEAR!



I SAY
WE PUT AN
END TO IT
TONIGHT!

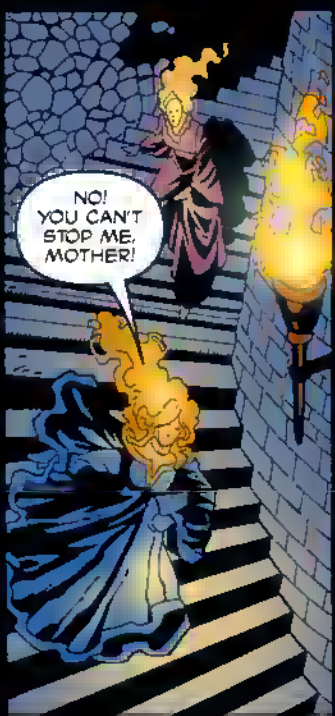
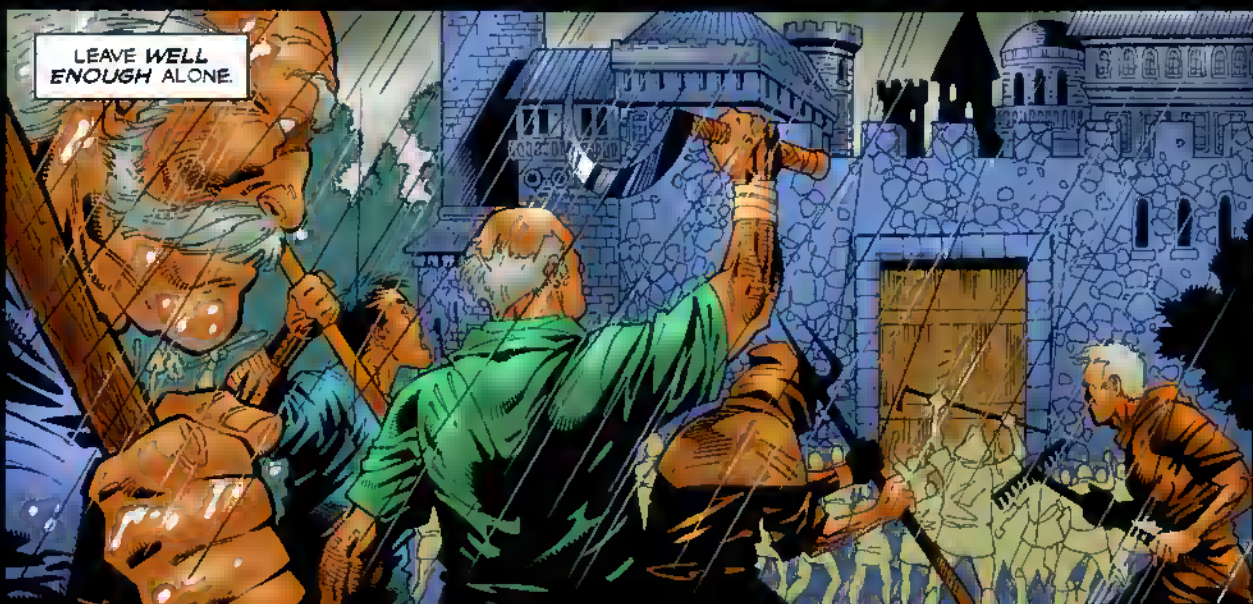
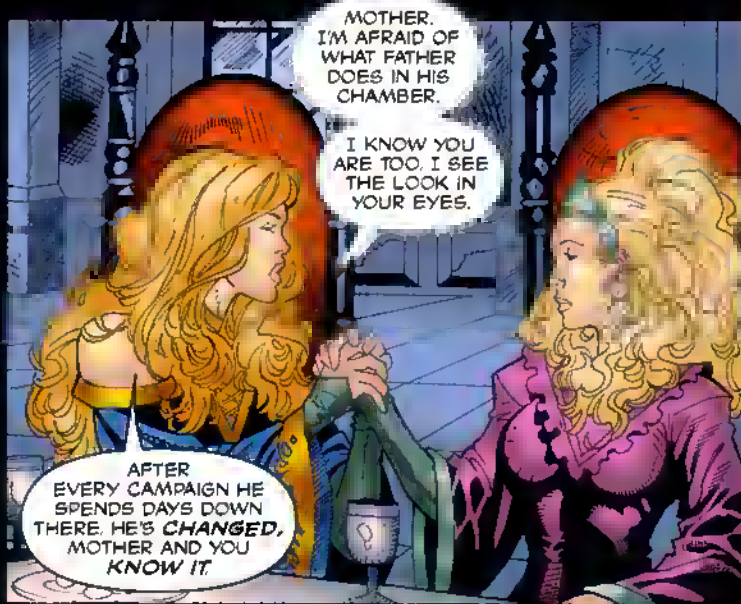
EDWARD, CAN
YOU OPEN UP
THE GATE?

YES.




WHO'S
WITH
US?

HERE!
HERE!





OH.



I CONJURE THEE
HERE BEFORE ME. I CALL
TO THEE, ILLUMINATORS OF
DARKNESS, DESTROYERS
OF LIGHT. I ASK THY
GATE TO OPEN!

OPEN TO ME,
BROTHERS!



WELL DONE,
SSSAGOS.

WITH THESE
SSSOULS, YOU'VE
SSSECURED YOURSELF
A KINGDOM IN THE
LABYRINTH.



THE DARK
GODSSS ARE
PLEASSED.



SAGOS?

FATHER!

WHAT'S
GOING ON
HERE?!



FATHER?
ARE YOU
BLIND,
GIRL?!

I'M
NOT YOUR
FATHER!



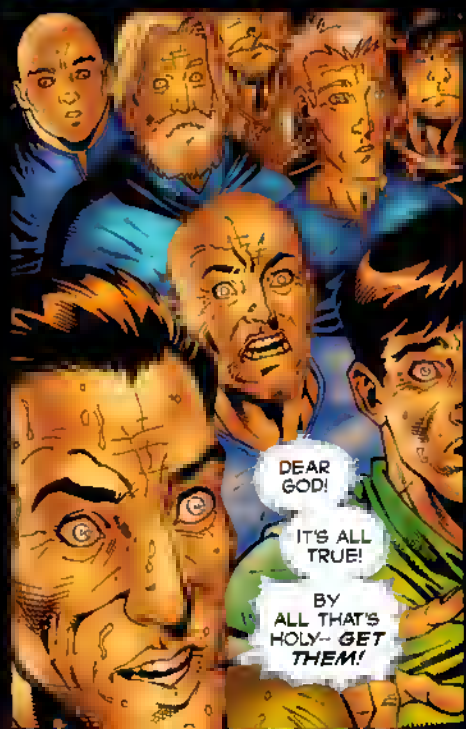
I STOLE YOUR
BELOVED FATHER'S BODY
AND USED IT FOR MY OWN
PURPOSES. I ADMIT, I'VE GROWN
QUITE FOND OF YOUR MOTHER'S
COMFORTS-- AND HER
INCREDIBLE POWER.

NO!



LOOK!

THEY'RE IN
LEAGUE WITH
DEMONS!



DEAR
GOD!

IT'S ALL
TRUE!

BY
ALL THAT'S
HOLY-- GET
THEM!



FOOLS.



THEY
HAVE NO
CLUE.



THEY'RE GONE!

THEY'RE NOT ALL GONE!

THEY ABANDONED THEIR DEMON WHELP!

OH FATHER. NO...



PLEASE...

LADY DEATH, YOU SEEM DISTANT.



I... I WAS THINKING ABOUT HOW I CAME TO THESE BLACKLANDS, SATASHA.

IT HAUNTS ME.

SENSE THAT?

FIRE UP AHEAD.

...FIRE...

IF I WANTED TO LIVE,
THERE WAS ONE WAY...

FOR
SINS OF YOUR
FATHER, AND
SINS OF YOUR
OWN, YOU
WILL--

BURN
WITCH!

BURN!

NO!

PLEASE!

YOU DON'T
UNDERSTAND!
MY FATHER IS
POSSESSED!

**NO! I
WILL NOT
DIE!**



I CONJURE
THEE HERE BEFORE
ME! I CALL TO THEE,
ILLUMINATORS OF
DARKNESS!
DESTROYERS
OF LIGHT!

I ASK
THY GATE
TO OPEN!

OPEN
TO ME!

MARIUS'S
DAUGHTER, HOW
COCLEVER YOU
ARE.

YOU WISSSH
TO LEAVE THIS
HELL AND ENTER
OUR DREADED
DOMAIN?

YESSSSSSSSSS!

YOUR
BLOODLINE ISSS
POWERFUL. UNIQUE.
THIS COULD PROVE...
ENTERTAINING.

YOU
MUST RENOUNCCCE
YOUR HUMANITY!

YOU MUST
PLEDGE YOUR
SSSOUL TO THE
LABYRINTH.

I DO!

I RENOUNCE
MY HUMANITY!

JUST
END THIS
PAIN!

...IN
THE NAME OF
THE FATHER, THE
SON, THE HOLY
GHOST, LET US
PRAY...



I ONLY WANTED
TO LIVE.

IS THAT A SIN?

WHY DO
YOU TORTURE
YOURSELF WITH
THE PAST?

WHAT WILL YOU
ACCOMPLISH?

IT IS PURE LUCK
THAT YOU ARE IN
THE SAME REALM
AS YOUR MOTHER.
COUNT YOUR
BLESSINGS.

LUCK
OR DESIGN? I SAY
THE WRAITHS ARE
PULLING OUR
STRINGS.

WE DON'T
HAVE TIME
FOR THIS.



WE'RE
HERE.

ON
YOUR
GUARD.

IF SAGOS
IS ANYWHERE
NEAR HERE--

I KNOW. WE
DON'T ENGAGE
HIM. WE RESCUE
MY MOTHER AND
DEPART.

SATASHA, CAN
YOU READ THE
ENERGIES IN THE
CHAMBER?

IT IS AS IF
THERE IS NO
ENERGY.

A
CLOAKING
SPELL.

MOTHER?



HOPE!

IT IS
YOU! PLEASE,
HELP ME!

SMELL
OF FIRE AND
EARTH.

SAGOS HAS
TAPPED THE
POWER FROM
THE LAND
BELOW!



MOTHER!

WE'LL HAVE
YOU OUT OF
HERE IN--

HOPE,
NO!

IT'S NO GOOD.
HE'S BECOME
TOO POWERFUL!
WE'VE GOT TO
GET OUT OF--

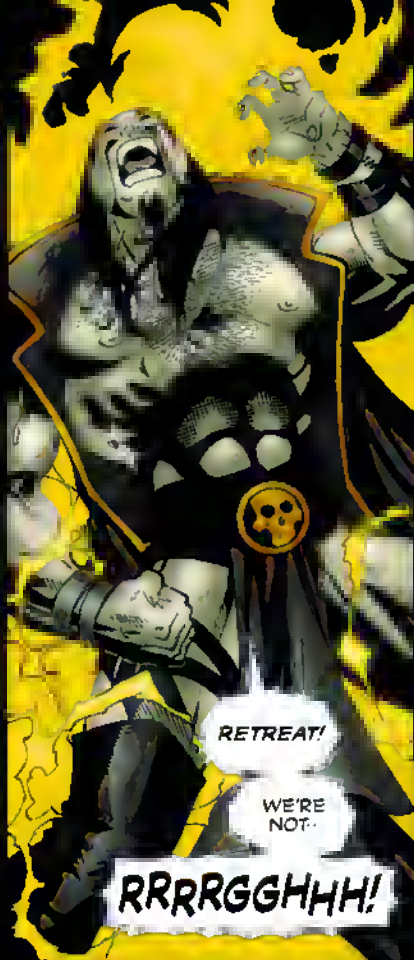


THE
WRAITHS HAVE A
PECULIAR SENSE OF
HUMOR BRINGING YOU
HERE, HOPE. I MUST
TAKE THAT UP WITH
THEM.

I ADMIT I
EXPECTED MORE
FROM YOU,
WARGOTH.

YOU PLAN TO
VANQUISH ME AIDED
BY A LOW-RANKING
SPELL-CASTER AND MY
HOST'S FEEBLE
DAUGHTER?

PITIFUL.



RETREAT!

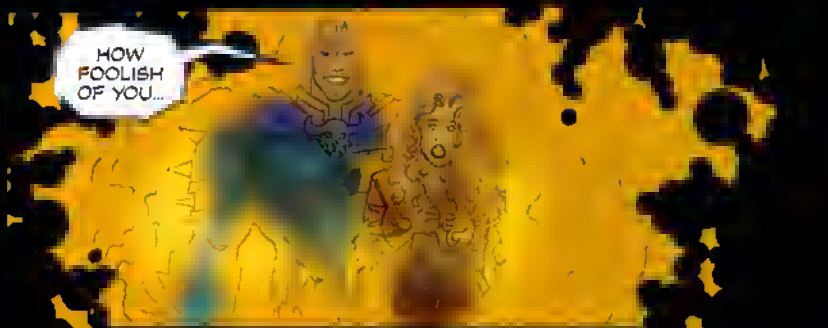
WE'RE
NOT...

RRRRGGHHH!



RRRRRRR

AAAAAAA
AAAA



HOW
FOOLISH
OF YOU...



...MY
BROTHER.



KRICK

KRAK!

KOOM!

HOW FOOLISH.



NEXT: THE NAMELESS WOLVES!